



Ocean County Library

Programs and Events Guide September 2023



BARNEGAT
609-698-3331

**A/PA – 9/5, 7 pm, Tuesday
Burr Street Book Cafe**

Drop in to talk about what you are reading and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea. Sponsored by the Friends of the Barnegat Library.

**A – 9/6, 11 am, Wednesday
Emergency Preparedness**

September is National Preparedness Month. Join us as we welcome the Ocean County Health Department to talk about the ways that you can prepare for an emergency. **REG**

**A – 9/7, 10:30 am, Thursday
Chair Yoga for Adults with
Special Challenges**

Join us for a session of beginner level chair yoga led by certified yoga instructor, Linda Higley. Caregivers will be requested to sign a waiver form. **REG**

**TW/PA – 9/7, 6 pm, Thursday
Tween Club: Cooking Class**

Learn how to make turkey roll-ups and ambrosia salad. Sponsored by the Friends of the Barnegat Library. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**CH – 9/8, 10 am, Friday
Grandparents Day
Handprints**

In honor of Grandparents Day, come by the library to create a special handprint picture for a gift. Various templates will be available to choose from. Ages up to 6. **REG**

**A – 9/9, 9/23, 10 am,
Saturdays & 9/14, 9/28, 1 pm,
Thursdays**

EWE Knitting and Crochet
Drop in with your own supplies.

**A – 1 pm, Mondays
Monday Movies**

9/11: 65 (PG-13) 93 min.
9/18: *Moving On* (R) 81 min.
9/25: *Ant Man and Wasp: Quantumania* (PG-13) 125 min.

**CH/PA – 9/12, 10 am, Tuesday
Preschool Storytime**

In honor of National Teddy Bear Day enjoy stories, songs, and crafts. Bring your favorite teddy bear and enjoy a light snack. Sponsored by Friends of the Barnegat Library. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

**CH – 9/13, 10 am, Wednesday
Toddler Time**

Join us for stories, rhymes, and play. Ages 18 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**

**T – 9/13, 6 pm, Wednesday
Crochet 101 for Teens**

Join us at the Barnegat Library for the first meeting of the teen crochet group. Never crocheted before? No problem. We will go over the basics and learn as we go. Our first project will be to make a bookmark out of yarn. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**A – 9/14, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Sound Bowl Chakra
Meditation**

This is an hour-long meditation program that focuses on the seven chakras. Participants will focus on each chakra and be guided through word of mouth, visualization and the playing of the crystal sound bowl that matches each chakra. **REG**

**C/A – 9/15, 10 am, Friday
Borrowing Digital Materials
with OCL**

Learn how you can borrow digital materials with your Ocean County Library card. **REG**

**CH – 9/16, 2 pm, Saturday
Kids & Crafts:**

Paint a Puppy Bank
Have fun painting a ceramic puppy bank to take home. Ages 3 – 8. **REG**

**CH – 9/19, 10 am, Tuesday
Toddler Open Play: Balance**

Children will be able to work on their balance and coordination with WePlay® Balance equipment. Ages 2 – 4. **REG**

**HHM/A – 9/20, 10 am,
Wednesday**

Great Artists: Velázquez and Goya
(NR) 60 min. **REG**

**CH – 9/21, 5 pm, Thursday
Preschool Playdate**

Come to the library to hear a story. Then, make a craft and spend time playing and making new friends. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

**CH – 9/22, 10:30 am, Friday
Cloverdale Farm County Park
Presents: Leaves**

A naturalist from Cloverdale Farm County Park will guide attendees on a walk outside the library. During the program kids will participate in leaf and bark rubbing around the forest edge surrounding the library. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

**CH – 9/26, 10 am, Tuesday
Baby & Me**

Come for rhymes, songs, and stories. Ages up to 18 months with a caregiver. **REG**

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PROGRAM KEY

A	Adult Program
BD	Book Discussion
C	Computer
CH	Children's Program
DIV	Diversity Program
FR	Friends Meeting
G	General Audience
HHM	Hispanic Heritage Month
MKR	Maker Program
PA	Potential Allergens
REG	Please Register
S	Sensory Program
T	Teen Program
TW	Tween Program

The Ocean County Library is a truly multicultural institution. We respect, honor, and celebrate individual and cultural differences. Our collections, programming, outreach, policies, and personnel practices reflect this commitment. We are inclusive and understanding of our co-workers and of the communities we serve, and we seek out others to join on this journey.

ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

All Library programs are free and open to the public, but registration may be limited. To avoid disappointment, please call the branch where the program is offered to register.

Program dates and times are subject to change.

All activities pose a degree of risk. We urge you to talk to your physician before beginning any exercise program and to be especially careful if you have any health issues. If you experience any pain or discomfort associated with any activity, you should stop immediately to prevent injury.

Visit our *Calendar of Events* for more information on our in-person and virtual programs: bit.ly/OCLevents



The Ocean County Library system makes every effort to provide access to our programs for people with disabilities. Please call your local branch prior to attending the program for special arrangements.





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TW/PA – 9/27, 10 am, Wednesday
Homeschool: Pick Your Own Path Read Aloud
An interactive story will be read. Help the librarian choose which path to take next. Enjoy a snack while you listen. Sponsored by the Friends of the Barnegat Library. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

HHM/T – 9/27, 6 pm, Wednesday
Peruvian Wave Friendship Bracelets
Make your own Peruvian Wave friendship bracelet in this hands-on workshop and learn about the craft's "ties" to Central and South America.

FR – 9/28, 6 pm, Thursday
Friends of the Barnegat Library Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

A – 9/28, 7 pm, Thursday
Art Reception: Mark Retacco
Enjoy the art of renowned local artist Mark Retacco and meet the artist. Retacco's art will be on display during the month of September.



BEACHWOOD
732-244-4573

CH – 9/7, 10:30 am, Thursday
Preschool Storytime
Join us for storytime followed by a craft. Ages 3+. **REG**

CH – 9/9, 11 am, Saturday
Tween Club
Make crafts and meet new friends. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

A – 9/13, 2 pm, Wednesday
Create a Fall Flower Arrangement
Tracy Vincent from Whiting Flower Shoppe will teach you some basic techniques of flower arranging as she helps you build a fall floral arrangement. Please bring your own clippers. **REG**

T – 9/18, 6 pm, Monday
Teen Scene
Teens can stop by the library, hang out, and make a simple craft. Ages 13 – 17. **REG**

CH – 9/19, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Incredible Infants
Join us for songs, stories, and rhymes. Ages up to 18 months. **REG**

A – 9/20, 11 am, Wednesday
Knit Wits
Stop by the Library with your knitting and crocheting projects and meet new friends. **REG**

CH/PA – 9/25, 4:30 pm, Monday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of a gentle therapy dog. Ages 3+. **REG**

CH – 9/27, 11 am, Wednesday
Homeschool Hangout
Join us for a story followed by a challenge for homeschoolers. Ages 6 – 10. **REG**

SCOOP UP A LIBRARY CARD

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!

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BERKELEY
732-269-2144

**A – 9/2, 3 pm, Saturday
Sunflower Craft**

Stop by the library and create a beautiful sunflower for the fall. **REG**

**A – 9/11, 9/18, 9/25,
11:30 am – 2 pm, Mondays
Movies for Adults with
Special Challenges**

Individuals and day programs for adults with special challenges are welcome to enjoy a movie in our meeting room. The audience will select their film on the day of the showing.

**A – 11:30 am – 2 pm,
All Tuesdays
Movies for Adults with
Special Challenges**

Individuals and day programs for adults with special challenges are welcome to enjoy a movie in our meeting room. The audience will select their film on the day of the showing.

**A – 10 am, All Wednesdays
Book Café for Adults with
Special Challenges**

Select your favorite books and relax and share with friends.

**C/A – 9/6, 6 pm, Wednesday
Intro to Computers**

Stop by the library with your own device for this introductory course. **REG**

**A – 1 pm – 3:30 pm,
All Thursdays
Intro to Mah Jongg**

Would you like to become a Mah Jongg player? A new round of lessons will take place weekly. Call the Branch at 732-269-2144 to register once for all sessions. **REG**

**A – 1 pm – 4 pm, All Thursdays
Mah Jongg**

Join a weekly session for experienced players of Mah Jongg. Players must bring their own set and current card. Call the Branch at 732-269-2144 to register once for all sessions. **REG**

**T/TW/PA – 9/8, 10:30 am,
Friday**

Homeschool Hang Out
Enjoy snacks and hang out with other teen and tween homeschoolers. **REG**

**BD – 9/8, 1 pm, Friday
Friday Afternoon Book
Discussion**

Please contact the Berkeley Branch for details.

**CH – 9/9, 10 am, Saturday
Playtime Fun**

Drop in to play with our toys, socialize with other kids, and more. This is a great place for parents and caregivers to make new friends and have fun. Ages 1 – 4.

**A – 9/11, 2:30 pm, Monday
Patriot Day Documentary
Screening: September 11:
Eleven Short Films About
9/11**
(NR) 128 min. Drop in.

**T – 9/12, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Magic: The Gathering™ Club
for Teens**

Become a Planeswalker at the Library's Magic: The Gathering™ Club. We'll provide cards and instruction. No prior experience is necessary, just show up and compete in this strategy card game. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**HMM/A/PA – 9/13, 6 pm,
Wednesday**

Mexican Cooking Program
Learn how to prepare and make a Mexican dish for Hispanic Heritage Month. **REG**

**CH – 9/14, 10:30 am, Thursday
Toddler Time**

Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2. **REG**

**HMM/T/TW/PA – 9/16, 2:30 pm,
Saturday
Hispanic Heritage Month
Matinee**

Enjoy authentic Hispanic snacks while viewing a culturally immersive film. **REG**



**CH/PA – 9/19, 4 pm, Tuesday
Paws for Reading**

Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. **REG**

**T/A – 9/19, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Acoustic Jam Session**

Bring an instrument and play with other musicians. All styles and skill levels are welcome. Ages 13+. **REG**

**A – 9/20, 10 am – 8 pm,
Wednesday
American Red Cross Blood
Drive**

Make a difference and donate blood. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

**CH – 9/20, 10:30 am,
Wednesday
Baby and Me**

Rhythm, rhyme, music and movement for babies up to 12 months with caregiver. This is designed for babies not yet walking. **REG**

**CH – 9/21, 10:30 am, Thursday
Happy Teeth Storytime**

Hear a story and learn what you can do to keep your teeth and gums healthy with a dental hygienist from Ocean Pediatric Dental Associates. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**G – 9/21, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Art Reception: Kaylee McGrath**

Enjoy calming landscape and nature photography by Kaylee McGrath and Red Rose Kay Photography and meet the artist. McGrath's art will be on display during the month of September. Drop in.

**T – 9/21, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

**A – 9/25, 3 pm, Monday
Fall Pumpkin Craft**

Stop by the library and create a festive fall pumpkin. **REG**

**A/PA – 9/27, 2 pm, Wednesday
Blending Fun with Amy
Presents Fall Soups**

Learn to make healthy fall soups using fresh ingredients inspired by favorite fall flavors. Amy Paradise will be our culinary guide. Bring your appetite for taste testing and go home with recipes to try.

**CH – 9/28, 10:30 am, Thursday
Toddler Time**

Play with your little one as we share stories, rhymes, songs, and dance. Ages 1 – 2. **REG**

**T – 9/28, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Game Night**

Play familiar and new games, just for teens. **REG**

**CH – 9/30, 10 am, Saturday
Playtime Fun**

Drop in to play with our toys, socialize with other kids, and more. This is a great place for parents and caregivers to make new friends.



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**A – 9/2, 1:30 pm, Saturday
Feature Film: Dungeons &
Dragons®: Honor Among
Thieves**

(PG-13) 134 min. **REG**

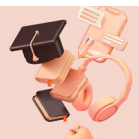
**CH – 9/5, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Perfect Pirate Storytime**

Arrrrr you ready for some pirate stories and a craft? Sign up now mateys for a swashbuckling good time. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

**C/A – 9/5, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Intro to Canva®**

Learn the basics for creating visual content on Canva®. **REG**

BACK TO SCHOOL





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A – 9/6, 6 pm, Wednesday
Twisted Stitchers
of Ocean County

Are you a knitter? Do you want to learn to knit? Join our group to learn or bring your own project. If you are a beginner, knitting needles and yarn will be available. If you are already a knitter, please join our group to share your expertise with others. Our group will meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 6 pm – 8 pm.

CH – 9/8, 3 pm, Friday
Baby Art

Join us at the library for painting fun. Dress for a mess. For babies up to 18 months with caregiver. **REG**

CH – 9/11, 10:30 am, Monday
Unicorn Storytime

Join us for unicorn stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

A – 9/11, 2 pm, Monday
Advanced French Club

Speak French with other French speakers in the community. Intermediate and Advanced speakers welcome. **REG**

A – 9/11, 3 pm, Monday
Movie Matinee: Book Club:
The Next Chapter
(PG-13) 107 min. **REG**

A – 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3,
10/10, 10/17, 10 am, Tuesdays
Take Control of Your Life:
Diabetes Workshop

This two-hour, 6-week interactive diabetes workshop aims to help you improve self-management behavior, learn how to lower A1C levels, and monitor both blood sugar and stress levels to reduce the risks associated with diabetes. Sponsored by Meals on Wheels of Ocean County and Hackensack Meridian Health. **REG**

A – 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 7 pm,
Tuesdays
English Conversation Group
Practice English conversation and talk about current events and more. Drop in.

A – 9/13, 10 am, Wednesday
Craft for Adults with Special
Challenges

Join us for a fun craft. **REG**

A/PA – 9/13, 6:30 pm,
Wednesday
Coffee and Coloring

Spend an evening coloring, listening to soothing music, drinking coffee, and relaxing with like-minded adults at the library. Light refreshments will be served. **REG**

A – 9/14, 10:30 am, Thursday
Chair Yoga for Adults with
Special Challenges

Join us for a session of beginner level chair yoga led by certified yoga instructor, Linda Higley. Caregivers will be requested to sign a waiver form. **REG**

A – 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 7 pm,
Thursdays

English Conversation Group
Practice English conversation and talk about current events and more. All are welcome. Drop in.

A/PA – 9/18, 12 pm, Monday
Lunchtime Movie for Adults
with Special Challenges

Bring your own lunch and watch a movie in our meeting room. The audience will select their film on the day of the showing. **REG**

C/A – 9/18, 6 pm, Monday
Intro to Google

Learn the basics of a google search, deciphering your results, tips & tricks for a successful search and more. **REG**

A – 9/19, 1 pm, Tuesday
Knitters of Brick

Are you a knitter? Do you want to learn to knit? Join our group to learn or bring your own project. If you are a beginner, knitting needles and yarn will be available. If you are already a knitter, please join our group to share your expertise with others. Our group will meet on every third Tuesday of each month from 1 pm – 3 pm.



A – 9/19, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Writers Group

Looking for a friendly community of writers? Spark your writing creativity and participate in friendly, peer critiques on novels, short stories, memoirs, or any writing project you are working on.

A – 9/20, 10 am – 2 pm,
Wednesday
Hearing Screening

Drop in for a free hearing screening with Dr. Brittany Mok. Dr. Mok is a licensed audiologist in the state of New Jersey, specializing in adult diagnostics and treatment.

T – 9/20, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Teen Pride Club

An ongoing, inclusive club designed to bring LGBTQ+ teens and their allies together in a safe and fun space. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

CH – 9/21, 10:30 am, Thursday
Elephant Storytime

Celebrate Elephant Appreciation Day with stories and a craft. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

A – 9/21, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Night Crafting for Adults

This month we will be creating a fall inspired hanging gnome. **REG**

HHM/A – 9/22, 2:30 pm, Friday
Day of the Dead Lithograph

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, we will be making a Day of the Dead lithograph inspired by Jose Posada. **REG**

A – 9/23, 2 pm, Saturday
Mindfulness Meditation:
On Thoughts

Our thoughts impact our mental and physical health. Learn to work with thoughts; observe and let go of unproductive thoughts through guided meditations. Followed with Q&A. Presented by certified practitioner and mindfulness meditation teacher Shazia Zaman. **REG**

CH – 9/25, 10:30 am, Monday
Rad Rhinos Storytime

We'll enjoy some rhino stories and make a craft. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

A – 9/25, 6:30 pm, Monday
Adult Crafting

Join us for a seasonally inspired craft. **REG**

T – 9/26, 2 pm, Tuesday
Teen Volunteer Afternoon

Help complete library tasks, make decorations and more to earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

CH – 9/26, 6 pm, Tuesday
Pajama Storytime

Wear your pajamas for some cozy stories. Ages 2+. **REG**

A – 9/27, 10 am, Wednesday
Bingo for Adults with
Special Challenges

Play Bingo for a chance to win small prizes. **REG**

C/A – 9/27, 6:30 pm,
Wednesday

Microsoft® Word Basics
Learn basic word processing skills to create and format a document. **REG**

Beanstack

Beanstack is your one stop shop for tracking your reading progress and activities at the Ocean County Library.



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**T – 9/27, 7 pm, Wednesday
Teen Volunteer Night**

Help complete library tasks, make decorations and more to earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**HMM/CH – 9/28, 10:30 am,
Thursday**

Llamas & Alpacas Storytime
Join us for stories, crafts, and fun. Ages 2+. **REG**



ISLAND HEIGHTS
732-270-6266

**A – 3 pm, All Tuesdays
Adult Craft: Fall
Embroidery Series**

Join this four-week series and learn embroidery stitches suitable for beginners while creating a fall themed project. No experience is necessary, but this is a progressive series where participants will progress in their project from week to week. **REG**

**CH – 9/6, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Baby and Me**

For ages up to 12 months. **REG**

**T – 9/11, 7 pm, Monday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

**CH – 9/20, 10:30 am,
Wednesday
Toddler Time**

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs. Ages 2 – 3. **REG**

**HMM/CH – 9/22, 3:30 pm,
Friday**

Paper Fiesta Flowers
Learn how to make these beautifully colorful paper flowers. Ages 6 – 12.

**FR – 9/25, 7 pm, Monday
The Trustees of the Library
Meeting**

The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.



JACKSON
732-928-4400

**CH – 9/2, 10 am – 2 pm,
Saturday**

**Maker Drop-in Building:
Magna-Tiles®**

Drop into the Children's Department for some building fun.

**CH – 9/5, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Babytime**

Join us for songs and activities followed by adult and child socialization. Ages up to 18 months. **REG**

**BD – 9/5, 1 pm, Tuesday
Educated by Tara Westover**

**A – 9/5, 9/19, 6:30 pm,
Tuesdays**

Jackson Writers Group
Bring your work in progress, any genre.

**T – 9/5, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

**T – 3:30 pm, All Wednesdays
Teen Volunteer Hour**

Earn a community service hour. Learn about the Library. Effect positive change. Ages 12 – 18.

**MKR/T/PA – 9/7, 3:30 pm,
Thursday**

Teen Makerspace: Waffles
Learn to make waffles. Decompress from the first week of school with a delicious snack. Choose your own toppings. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

All branches of the Ocean County Library will be closed Sunday, September 3rd and Monday, September 4th for

LABOR Day

Branches will resume normal hours on Tuesday, September 5th.

CELEBRATE
HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH
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OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY





JACKSON
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CH – 9/8, 10 am, Friday
Drop-in Crafts: Fruits

Stop by and make a cool paper fruit craft.

S/CH – 9/8, 10:30 am, Friday
Homeschool Sensory Space Social Hour

Join us in the Sensory Space for a relaxing social hour. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

S/G – 9/9, 10 am, Saturday
Sensory Friendly Movie:
Winnie the Pooh

(G) 63 min. In honor of National Teddy Bear Day, join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of *Winnie the Pooh*. Bring your own teddy bear to snuggle. **REG**

A – 9/11, 9/25, 10 am, Mondays
Knit Chat Chain

Join our knitting and crocheting group. Bring your own project or make items to donate to those in need.

A – 9/11, 2:30 pm, Monday
9/11 Commemoration: Man in Red Bandana: The Story of a 9/11 Hero

(NR) 80 min. Discussion 10 min. **REG**

MKR/CH – 9/12, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Homeschool Art Club

Stretch your imagination and learn something new. Ages 6 – 10. **REG**

A – 9/12, 11 am, Tuesday
Paper Making

Participants will make their own handmade recycled paper in this hands-on workshop. The instructor will demonstrate the basic paper recycling steps: shredding, soaking, pulping, screening, and drying. **REG**

BD – 9/12, 1 pm, Tuesday
Kitchen House
by Kathleen Grissom

S/A – 9/12, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Sensory Social Hour for Adults

Explore sensory activities, play games and interact with others. **REG**

CH – 9/13, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 18 months – 3 years. **REG**

A – 9/13, 7 pm, Wednesday
Elvistory: The Birth of Rock n Roll: 1953 – 1956

Join us for a combination of music and the history of Elvis Presley's early career at Sun Records. Sponsored by Jackson Friends of the Library. **REG**

CH – 9/14, 2 pm – 4 pm, Thursday
Drop-in Crafts:
National Coloring Day

Drop by and get creative with paper and crayons, colored pencils or markers, and brighten up your day.

A – 9/14, 2:30 pm, Thursday
Healthy Eating on a Budget

Learn strategies for healthy eating year-round, including planning healthy meals. Presented by the Ocean County Health Department. **REG**

S/A – 9/14, 6 pm, Thursday
Sensory Social Hour for Adults

Explore sensory activities, play games and interact with others. **REG**

HHM/A – 9/16, 2 pm, Saturday
Hispanic Heritage Month: David Cedeño Combo Tropical Music

Local music artist, David Cedeño is a trumpet, bass and guitar player, vocalist, composer, music arranger and recording director of the Evelyn record label. Together with his orchestra, David will play a large variety of tropical music. **REG**

S/G – 9/18, 6 pm, Monday
Sensory Friendly Movie:
Ratatouille

(G) 111 min. Join us for a sensory friendly movie viewing of *Ratatouille*, where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and singing, walking, rolling and dancing are welcome. **REG**

A – 9/18, 6:30 pm, Monday
Are You Ready to Start a Business? Part 1

Business ownership is an exciting journey. Seasoned business veterans can guide you with detailed directions, tips on avoiding detours, and helpful resources to reach your destination. Sponsored by SCORE Southeast NJ. **REG**

A – 9/18, 6:30 pm, Monday
Knit Chat Chain

Join our knitting and crocheting group. Bring your own project or make items to donate to those in need.

CH – 9/19, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Sensory Time

Explore your senses with fun station-based play. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

A – 9/20, 6 pm, Wednesday
Film & Discussion:
The Donut King

(NR) 98 min. **REG**

TW – 9/21, 10:30 am, Thursday
Homeschool Makers

Come learn something new. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

HHM/MKR/T – 9/21, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Makerspace: Weaving in Honor of Hispanic Heritage Month

Learn about the history of traditional Zapotec weaving and try your hand at your own weaving project. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

FR – 9/21, 4 pm, Thursday
Jackson Friends of the Library Meeting

The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

S/T/TW – 9/21, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Tween/Teen Yoga in the Sensory Space

Bring a mat or towel and join us for yoga in the sensory space. A waiver must be signed prior to the start of the program. Ages 10 – 18. **REG**

A – 9/22, 1 pm, Friday
Air Fryers 101 Cooking Demonstration

Join Monmouth Medical Center's Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Jennifer Klein, MS, RDN, to learn how you can use this popular kitchen tool to make a simple healthy meal. **REG**

CH – 9/25, 10:30 am, Monday
Baby & Me Social Hour

Make new friends in our relaxed open-play setting. Ages up to 24 months. **REG**

HHM/CH – 9/27, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. This storytime will feature bilingual stories for Hispanic Heritage Month. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**



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**MKR/T – 9/28, 3:30 pm,
Thursday**
**Teen Makerspace:
Screen Printing**

You may recognize a work by Andy Warhol or by Shepard Fairey, but do you know how their art is created? Learn how to screen print on paper. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**HHM/TW/PA – 9/28, 4 pm,
Thursday**
**Eat Around the World –
Hispanic Heritage Edition**

Learn about Hispanic countries and their culture through a food tasting. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**CH – 9/30, 10 am – 2 pm,
Saturday**
**Maker Drop-in Building:
Squigz™**

Drop into the Children's Department for some building fun.



LACEY
609-693-8566

**CH – 9/5, 9/19, 9/26, 10 am,
Tuesdays**
Mother Goose Time

Rhythm, rhyme, music and movement. For babies up to 18 months with a caregiver. **REG**

T/PA – 9/5, 6 pm, Tuesday
Anime & Manga Café

Relax and hang out with friends while watching anime, enjoying Japanese snacks, and reading the latest manga. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library.

**CH – 9/6, 9/20, 9/27, 10 am,
Wednesdays**
Toddler Time

Stories, rhymes, music and movement. For ages 19 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**

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A – 9/6, 6 pm, Wednesday
Estate Planning Workshop

Join us for a workshop on Estate Planning with Attorney Paul R. Daniele. Paul will provide answers to questions about power of attorney, living wills, asset protection and other subjects. **REG**

**CH – 9/7, 9/21, 9/28, 10 am,
Thursdays**
Preschool Storytime

Stories, songs and rhymes followed by a simple craft. Ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. **REG**

CH – 9/8, 2 pm, Friday
Homeschool Science

Best for ages 5 – 10. **REG**

A – 9/11, 9:30 am, Monday
Stitch It Club

Knit, crochet, sew, or embroider with fellow Stitch It members. Share leisurely conversation and tips. All skill levels are welcome.

CH – 9/12, 10:30 am, Tuesday
Hometown Heroes

In honor of Patriot Day, learn about the Lacey Police Department, what they do, and how they help to protect our Lacey community. View police equipment and see police vehicles used on patrol. **REG**

A – 9/12, 6 pm, Tuesday
Meet the Mayor

Join us as the Lacey Branch hosts Meet the Mayor with Lacey Mayor Timothy McDonald. During this event you will be able to ask questions in an informal setting.

**C/A – 9/13, 2:30 pm,
Wednesday**

Library Where You Are: Libby
Learn how to borrow eBook, audiobooks, and magazines on the Libby application. Please bring your own device. Active library card is required. **REG**

T – 9/14, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

A – 9/15, 10 am, Friday
Shore to Age Well

Presented by The Ocean County Health Department, Department of Substance Abuse, Addiction, and Opioid Dependency. The program aims to educate our older adult population on alternatives to opioids to manage their pain. **REG**

A – 9/18, 10:30 am, Monday
**Craft for Adults with Special
Challenges: Fun Doodle
Autumn Leaves**

Join us as Art instructor Linda Higley leads participants in creating doodles through the exploration of lines and shapes inspired by autumn leaves. This program was made possible by a grant from the Kearny Bank Foundation. **REG**

BD/A – 9/18, 1 pm, Monday
Lacey Book Discussion

The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See.

**HHM/A/T/PA – 9/18, 3:30 pm,
Monday**

From Scratch: Hot Sauce
In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, we will be learning to make hot sauce from scratch. We'll discover what flavors and peppers are unique to various Latin American countries. **REG**

CH – 9/18, 6 pm, Monday
**Pajama Tales Family
Storytime**

Ages 3+. **REG**

**HHM/CH/PA – 9/19, 4:30 pm,
Tuesday**

Kids Cook: Quesadillas
Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

**CH – 9/21, 3:30 pm – 5 pm,
Thursday**
LEGO® Free Play

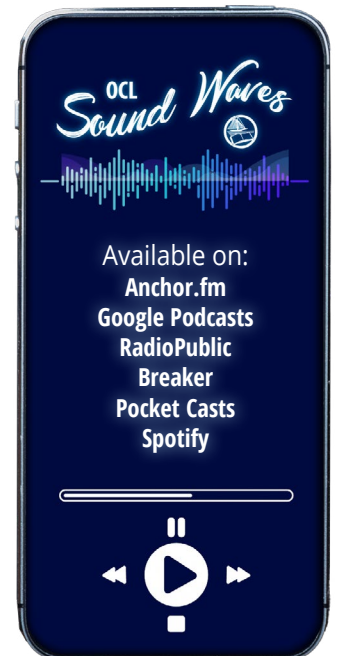
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CH – 9/22, 10:30 am, Friday
Toddler Dance

Ages 19 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**

A – 9/25, 2:30 pm, Mondays
**Board Games Mashup:
Afternoon Series**

Join us for an afternoon of fun and entertainment as we play various board games. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lacey Library. **REG**





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LACEY
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T – 9/25, 6 pm, Monday DnD Club

Join a group of adventurers in *Dungeons & Dragons*®. New and experienced players are welcomed. Space is limited. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

FR – 9/26, 4 pm, Tuesday Friends of the Lacey Library Meeting

The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are always welcome.

A – 9/27, 2:30 pm, Wednesdays Chair Yoga with Linda Higley: Afternoon Series

Join us for a relaxing afternoon session of chair yoga led by certified yoga instructor, Linda Higley. A waiver form must be signed before the start of the program to participate. **REG**

CH/PA – 9/28, 4 pm, Thursday Paws for Reading

Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Drop in.

A – 9/28, 6:30 pm, Thursday Stitch It Club

Knit, crochet, sew, or embroider with fellow Stitch It members. Share leisurely conversation and tips. All skill levels are welcome.

CH/PA – 9/29, 10:30 am, Friday Mid-Autumn Moon Festival: Stories and Crafts

Ages 3 – 6 with a caregiver. **REG**



LAKWOOD
732-363-1435

C/A – Computer Classes by Appointment

Contact us at 732-363-1435 ext. 2100 to book a one-on-one computer class. Topics include Microsoft® Word, Excel, PowerPoint, computer and eReader basics, Facebook®, Universal Class™, and more.

CH – 3 pm – 6 pm, Mondays – Thursdays & 3 pm – 4:45 pm, Fridays Homework Help

Free after school homework help. Not tutoring or reading help. Ages 5 – 12.

CH – 1:30 pm, All Fridays Friday Fun

Preschool craft. Ages up to 5.

CH – 9/5, 4 pm, Tuesday Back-to-School Craft

Make a back-to-school craft. Ages 5 – 12.

T – 9/5, 6 pm, Tuesday Teen Movie Night

Watch a (PG – 13) movie. Ages 12 – 18.

HMM/T – 9/6, 3 pm, Wednesday Papel Picado

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by making papel picado to hang in the YA section. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 9/7, 6 pm, Thursday Video Games

Ages 5 – 12.

C – 9/8, 10 am, Friday hoopla 101

Use your library card to create a free hoopla account and explore what digital materials it has to offer. **REG**

A – 9/11, 6 pm, Monday Patriot Day Documentary Generation 9/11 (NR) 115 min.

C – 9/12, 10 am, Tuesday
Ancestry® Library Edition
Learn to navigate the Library's Ancestry® Library Edition database. **REG**

CH – 9/12, 4 pm, Tuesday End of Summer Bracelets

Grab a friend and make memory bracelets. Ages 8 – 12.

A/PA – 9/13, 10:30 am, Wednesday Movie Time for Adults with Special Challenges

Watch a (G) or (PG) film of the group's choosing. Water bottles and light snacks will be provided. **REG**

CH – 9/13, 6 pm, Wednesday Paper Plate Apples

Make an apple and a little worm friend out of paper plates. Ages 5 – 12.

CH – 9/14, 10:30 am, Thursday Toddler Time

Join us for stories and songs for little ones and their caregivers. Ages up to 5.

CH – 9/14, 6 pm, Thursday Fall Tree Art

Make a fall tree using foil and paint. Ages 5 – 12.

A/PA – 9/18, 1 pm, Monday Movie Matinee

In the Heights (PG-13) 145 min. Water bottles and light snacks will be provided. **REG**

CH – 9/18, 6 pm, Monday Fold-Up Book

Color and create your own book. Ages 5 – 12.

C – 9/19, 10 am, Tuesday Microsoft® Office Workshop

Explore a basic introduction to Microsoft® Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher programs and see what they can do for you. **REG**

HMM/A – 9/19, 11 am, Tuesday Hispanic Heritage Month Adult Craft: Paper Fiesta & Spiritual Yarn Weaving

Create paper fiesta flower decorations and yarn weave traditional spiritual home decorations. **REG**

HMM/T – 9/19, 6 pm, Tuesday Homemade Castanets

Make a castanet out of bottle caps and cardboard. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 9/20, 10:30 am, Wednesday Bouncing Babies

Join other caregivers for stories, songs, and play time. Ages up to 24 months.

A – 9/21, 6 pm, Thursday SCORE Workshop: Beginner's Guide to Real Estate Investing

This workshop will discuss the basics of real estate investing and provide an overview of the best ways to obtain financial success. Presented by SCORE Southeast NJ.

CH – 9/21, 6 pm, Thursday Native American Flower Beads

Learn to make beaded sunflowers. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

T – 9/21, 6 pm, Thursday Escape Room

Celebrate Escapology Day by trying to complete an escape room with your friends. Ages 12 – 18.

C – 9/22, 10 am, Friday Canva® 101

Make a free account and explore the many projects you can create. **REG**



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A – 9/22, 2 pm, Friday
Native American Day
Documentary
The Warrior Tradition (NR) 55 min.

HMM/CH – 9/25, 5:30 pm,
Monday
Make a Banner
Watch *Alma and How She Got Her Name* (NR) 8 min. and make a banner with your name. Ages 5 – 12. **REG**

A – 9/26, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Tarot Tuesday
Learn, share, and discuss all things tarot.

CH/PA – 9/26, 6 pm, Tuesday
Pancake Art
Make pancake art for national pancake day. Ages 8 – 12.

A – 9/27, 10:30 am,
Wednesday
Autumn Craft for Adults with
Special Challenges
Make an autumn themed craft. **REG**

A – 9/27, 6 pm, Wednesday
Cross Stitch Club
Bring your own project or check out the patterns the library has to offer. **REG**

A – 9/28, 11 am, Thursday
Paper Making
Participants will make their own handmade recycled paper in this hands-on workshop. The instructor will demonstrate the basic paper recycling steps: shredding, soaking, pulping, screening, and drying. **REG**

HMM/CH – 9/28, 6 pm,
Thursday
Frida Kahlo Self-Portraits
Create your self-portrait. Ages 5 – 12.

A – 9/29, 3 pm, Friday
Book Rec Corner
Discover new titles, including read-alikes for popular authors like Colleen Hoover and James Patterson.



LITTLE EGG HARBOR
609-294-1197

CH – 9/1, 10:30 am, Friday
Back to School Storytime
This program is designed to help children get excited about going back to school through the joy of reading and creativity. Engage your little ones with fun stories and an interactive craft activity that will make them eager to start the new school year. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

A – 12:30 pm, All Wednesdays
Mah Jongg at the Library
Please bring your current year gaming cards and game sets.

A – 10 am, All Thursdays
Job Searching Workshop for the Mature Worker
If you are struggling searching and applying for jobs online, then this four-week workshop is for you. You will learn how to use a computer mouse, the internet, email, and search for and apply to jobs. Must have a cell phone that can receive text messages to create an email. **REG**

TW/T – 9/7, 6 pm, Thursday
DIY Stress Jars
Make your own galaxy jar as a tool for relaxation and stress relief. **REG**

A – 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2,
11 am – 1 pm, Mondays
Diabetes Self-Management
Education and Support
An accredited DSMES program that provides a foundation to help people with diabetes to navigate self-management decisions and activities. To register, please contact the Ocean County Health Department, 732-341-9700, ext. 7237 or 7235.

A – 9/11, 9/25, 12:30 pm,
Mondays
Knitting at the Library
Join us for knitting at the Library. Relax and chat with other yarn enthusiasts, work on your knit or crochet projects, and swap patterns.

CH/TW – 9/12, 6:30 pm,
Tuesday
Pokémon™ Club
Whether you're new to Pokémon™ or an experienced trainer, come join us for an hour of Pokémon™ fun, friendship, and adventure. Grades 2 – 6. **REG**

CH – 9/13, 10 am, Wednesday
Finding Time for Tummy Time
Join us as we guide you and your baby through a series of fun and engaging activities to ensure a successful tummy time experience. Ages up to 9 months. **REG**

A – 9/13, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
DASH and the Mediterranean Diet
Join Tonja Werkman, R.D., as she shares advice on foods that can help your heart health and long-term healthy eating lifestyle, including sources of antioxidants to include in your diet, eating healthier fats, and the key components of a Mediterranean and DASH diet. Presented by Hackensack Meridian Health. **REG**

A – 9/14, 3 pm, Thursday
Shore to Age Well
Presented by The Ocean County Health Department, Department of Substance Abuse, Addiction, and Opioid Dependency. The program aims to educate our older adult population on alternatives to opioids to manage their pain. **REG**

T – 9/14, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

A/CH – 9/15, 10 am, Friday
Stay-at-Home Parent
Get-Together
This is a wonderful opportunity for stay-at-home parents to come together and connect with others in a fun and supportive environment. Join us for an hour of activities, including engaging games and crafts. **REG**

A – 9/15, 2 pm, Friday
Adult Gaming: Canasta
Join in some friendly competition playing the classic card game Canasta. **REG**

A – 9/16, 2 pm, Saturday
Mindfulness Meditation:
On Thoughts
Our thoughts impact our mental and physical health. Learn to work with thoughts; observe and let go of unproductive thoughts through guided meditations. Followed with Q&A. Presented by certified practitioner and mindfulness meditation teacher Shazia Zaman. **REG**

A – 9/19, 10 am, Tuesday
Meet the Mayor
Join us as the Little Egg Harbor Branch hosts Meet the Mayor with Little Egg Harbor Mayor Blaise Scibetta. During this event you will be able to ask questions directly to the Mayor in an informal setting.

BD – 9/19, 12:30 pm, Tuesday
Little Egg Harbor Book
Discussion
Join us for a lively book discussion. Please call the branch at 609-294-1197 for this month's title. New members welcome.





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**CH/TW/T – 9/19,
5:30 pm – 8 pm, Tuesday**
**Library Card Sign Up Month
Scavenger Hunt**

Explore our library, answer trivia, and unlock the magic of reading. Celebrate the joy of reading by signing up for a library card during the event.

BD – 9/19, 7 pm, Tuesday
**Marvelous Sleuths Book
Discussion**

Join us for a lively mystery book discussion. Please call the branch at 609-294-1197 for this month's title.

**CH/TW/T – 9/20, 11 am,
Wednesday**
Homeschool STEM

The STEM Building Challenge: Nurture essential skills like teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity. Ages 5 – 17. **REG**

HHM/A – 9/21, 7 pm, Thursday
Flamenco Guitar Performance

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month enjoying the sounds of Latin Jazz and Nuevo Flamenco performed on Spanish Guitar by Flamenco Guitarist, Victor Tarassov. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch. **REG**

**HHM/TW/PA – 9/22, 10 am,
Friday**

Homeschool Tween Art Club
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and explore the flavors associated with Mexican cuisine by making traditional Mexican spice blends while learning to read a recipe. Ages 9 – 12. **REG**

**HHM/TW/PA – 9/22, 4 pm,
Friday**
Tween Art Club

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and explore the flavors associated with Mexican cuisine by making traditional Mexican spice blends while learning to read a recipe. Ages 9 – 12. **REG**

T – 9/25, 2 pm, Monday
Teen Volunteer Hours

Earn community service hours. Learn about the Library. Registration and a current Teen Volunteer Application required. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

A/PA – 9/26, 2 pm, Tuesday
**Blending Fun with Amy
Presents Fall Soups**

Learn to make healthy fall soups using fresh ingredients inspired by favorite fall flavors. Amy Paradise will be our culinary guide. Bring your appetite for taste testing and go home with recipes to try at home. **REG**

FR – 9/27, 6 pm, Wednesday
**Friends of the Little Egg
Harbor Branch Meeting**

The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

CH – 9/28, 10 am, Thursday
Thursday Morning Storytime

Following the story, children will have the opportunity to participate in age-appropriate crafts and activities related to the story. This program is perfect for nurturing a love for reading and promoting early literacy skills. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

T – 9/28, 7 pm, Thursday
Teen Game Night

Play familiar and new games, just for teens. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**



LONG BEACH ISLAND
609-494-2480

CH – 9/1, 10 am, Friday
Fun with Finger Painting

Finger painting encourages creativity and cognitive development through expressions of color, texture, and patterns and helps develop fine motor skills through finger tracing. Wear or bring a painting smock. Ages 6 months+. **REG**

A – 9/2, 2 pm, Saturday
The New Sweden Colony

Erik Burro will speak about the origins and background of his colorful, free standing panels and photos that describe the evolution of the New Sweden Colony. This program showcases the panels and framed photos, each with included description, showing places in South Jersey that reflect the early colony's existence and the people and places that have been a part of the lower counties, since the 1640's. **REG**

CH – 9/5, 9:30 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time

Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. **REG**

A – 9/5, 11 am, Tuesday
Blood Pressure Clinic

Free blood pressure screening by the Long Beach Island (LBI) Health Department. Walk-ins welcome.

A/PA – 9/6, 2 pm, Wednesday
**Blending Fun with Amy:
Coffee Barista Edition**

Join us for an educational coffee tasting program. You will learn specialty blended coffee drink recipes, fun facts, trivia and more. **REG**

**CH – 9/7, 9/28, 10 am,
Thursdays**

Songs with Miss Summer
Little ones and their grown-ups will sit together as we will all sing some of our favorite songs. Sing-along time can help with bonding, language recognition, and emotional development in babies & toddlers. **REG**

A – 9/7, 1 pm, Thursday
LBI Poets Studio

To attend virtually contact Sue Cummings via email scummings817@comcast.net. Meets the 1st Thursday every month from 1 pm – 3 pm. You can also choose to come to the Library meeting room to attend in person.

A – 9/8, 9/15, 2 pm, Fridays
LBI Canasta

Play Canasta with other teams and players. All are welcome to play for fun from 2 pm – 5 pm.

CH/TW – 9/9, 3 pm, Saturday
Intro to Knitting for Kids

Interested in learning how to knit? Join us for a laid-back knitting circle where you can learn the basics. Those attending must provide their own needles & yarn. **REG**

A – 9/11, 10 am, Monday
Cyber Security

Join us as an IT professional advises you on how to keep your data more secure to reduce the chances of having your personal or financial information stolen or compromised. You are welcome to bring specific concerns and questions to share with the presenter. Sponsored by Friends of the Island Library. **REG**

A – 9/13, 12 pm, Wednesday
**Friends of the Island Library
Luncheon**

Amy Hill Hearth will be the speaker at Friends of the Island Library Author Luncheon to be held at Daddy O Restaurant on Long Beach Island 12 pm – 3 pm. **REG**

A – 9/13, 2 pm, Wednesday
Italian Cultural Society of LBI
Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Society of LBI. **REG**

FR – 9/14, 10 am, Thursday
**Friends of the Island Library
Meeting**

The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

A – 9/14, 2 pm, Thursday
Adult Coloring & Conversation

Spend a relaxing afternoon coloring and listening to soothing music with like-minded adults. Materials are provided for use but feel free to bring your own coloring supplies. This program meets once a month on the 2nd Thursday of the month.



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CH – 9/15, 11 am, Friday
Yosi Presents: Back to School
Yosi weaves his songs, stories, and humor to help young children understand how to get along with others and find a positive approach daily. Grades Pre-K – 2. **REG**

A – 9/16, 11 am, Saturday
Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation
Learn about mindfulness and its many benefits. This practice will offer an opportunity to relax, experience clarity, calmness, and increased resilience. Followed by a Q&A. Open to new and skilled practitioners. Presented by certified practitioner and mindfulness meditation teacher Shazia Zaman. **REG**

A – 9/18, 10 am, Monday
Chair Ballet
Experience the joy of dancing in a class that combines both ballet and exercises specifically for adults while seated in a chair. Learn the basic ballet positions and achieve correct posture, muscle usage, balance, and grace all while having fun. Please wear comfortable clothing. A waiver must be signed before participating. **REG**

HHM/CH/TW – 9/18, 10 am, Monday
Craft it Out: Frida Kahlo
We have all the ingredients you need to make a fun craft. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by learning about the artist Frida Kahlo, and making a craft themed after her art.

A/PA – 1:30 pm, Mondays
Monday Movie Matinee
See it on our big screen. Bring your own refreshments. **REG**
9/18: *An Affair to Remember* (NR) 115 min.
9/25: *Sleepless in Seattle* (PG) 105 min.

G – 9/19, 2 pm, Tuesday
Friends of the Island Library Monthly Book Sale
Get four books for \$1 and help the Friends of the Island Library continue to provide great programs and support.

G/PA – 9/19, 6 pm, Tuesday
Family Movie Night: Honey I Shrunk the Kids
(PG) 93 min. **REG**

A – 9/20, 1 pm, Wednesday
CPR Training Class
A certified CPR instructor will teach prescribed procedures and techniques on mannequins. Note that this is a non-certifying training that provides the same education as regular training, but it does not result in a certificate. Sponsored by the Friends of the Island Library. **REG**

G – 9/22, 9 am – 4 pm, Friday & 9/23, 9 am – 4 pm, Saturday
Friends of the Island Library Big Book Sale
Friends of the Island Library will host a two-day book sale. Donated material will only be accepted on Thursday, September 21 in the meeting room 9 am – 3 pm.

CH – 9/26, 10 am, Tuesday
Toddler Time
Come in to read stories and sing some songs together. Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver. **REG**

T – 9/27, 6 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

CH – 9/29, 10 am, Friday
Little Artists
Participate in a craft geared towards those with little hands. Art can benefit fine & gross motor skills, cognitive development, and multisensory skills. Ages 1 – 4. **REG**

G – 9/30, 10 am, Saturday
LEGOS®/DUPLOS® with Movie: Sonic the Hedgehog
(PG) 99 min. **REG**



MANCHESTER
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CH/PA – 9/5, 10 am – 6 pm, Tuesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Call 732-657-7600, option 6 to register. Ages up to 10. **REG**

BD/A – 9/5, 10:15 am, Tuesday
Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver
A/PA – 9/5, 2 pm – 4 pm, Tuesday
September Pretzel Fest
Come celebrate the end of summer and beginning of fall. We will be making chocolate-dipped pretzels with your choice of toppings. **REG**

A – 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 2 pm – 4 pm, Wednesdays
Feel Better: Take Control of Your Health
Register today and receive a free workbook for reducing risks associated with chronic diseases and diabetes. Chat with trained and certified volunteers during our 2-hour interactive weekly sessions for six weeks. **REG**

CH – 9/7, 10 am, Thursday
Grandparent's Day Stories
Join us to hear stories and do an activity. Ages 2 – 6. **REG**

A – 9/7, 10 am, Thursday
Manchester Shore Memory Café
Early-Stage Memory Cafés provide opportunities for concerned persons experiencing early cognitive decline, and for those diagnosed with early-stage memory loss, and their care partner(s) to meet. Join a café to engage with peers in a relaxed, unstructured environment that promotes social engagement and support, through interactions with others experiencing similar changes. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association of Greater New Jersey in partnership with the Ocean County Library. Walk-ins welcome, registration preferred, to register call the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 272-3900. **REG**

A – 9/7, 2 pm, Thursday
The Keys to Longevity
We will examine genetic factors that contribute to longevity and discuss the nine lessons learned from the Blue Zones where people reach 100 years of age at significantly high rates. **REG**

A – 9/8, 9/22, 1 pm – 3 pm, Fridays
Quilting Bee
Come join other quilters to work on individual and group projects.



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**A – 9/9, 11 am, Saturday
Mindfulness Meditation:
On Thoughts**

Our thoughts impact our mental and physical health. Learn to work with thoughts; observe and let go of unproductive thoughts through guided meditations. Followed with Q&A. Presented by certified practitioner and mindfulness meditation teacher Shazia Zaman. **REG**

**G – 9/9, 2 pm, Saturday
Ben Collura Art Reception**

View mixed media paintings in remembrance of 9/11, plus other artwork, and meet the artist.

**CH – 9/11, 6:30 pm, Monday
Back to School Craft**

Make a craft to decorate your desk. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

**A – 9/12, 2 pm – 4 pm, Tuesday
Writers Group**

Bring your poetry, essays, and short stories. The Writer's Group critiques each other's works and provides feedback.

**CH – 9/13, 9:30 am, Wednesday
Art & Play**

Join us for playtime with toys, painting, and coloring. Dress for a mess. Ages 6 months – 3 years. **REG**

**CH – 9/13, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Art & Play**

Join us for playtime with toys, painting, and coloring. Dress for a mess. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

**A – 9/14, 9/28, 2 pm – 4 pm,
Thursdays**

**Chicks with Sticks – Knitting
and Crocheting Group**

Do you love to knit or crochet? Bring your yarn, needles, and current projects, all skill levels welcome.

**TW – 9/14, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Tween Cardboard Build-It**

Tweens will have free reign to engineer their own cardboard castles and other creations fit to stand up to any dragon or barbarian that wanders their way. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

**CH – 9/20, 9:30 am, Wednesday
Playdate**

Come play with friends and our toys in the meeting room. Ages 6 months – 3 years with a caregiver. **REG**

**CH – 9/20, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Playdate**

Come play with friends and our toys in the meeting room. Ages 3 – 6 with a caregiver. **REG**

**A – 9/20, 7 pm, Wednesday
9/11**

Moises I. Gomez was present when our country suffered the horrible attacks at the World Trade Center in 1993 and again on September 11th, 2001. He worked for the Port Authority for more than 30 years as a member of an emergency response unit that responded to both terrorist attacks. Mr. Gomez will speak about his experience responding to the horrors of the events that day. Sponsored by the Friends of the Manchester Branch. **REG**

**HMM/A – 9/21, 2 pm, Thursday
In the Heights**
(PG-13) 143 min. **REG**

**T – 9/21, 6 pm – 8 pm,
Thursday**

**Teen Takeover: Smash
Bros™ & Mario Kart™**

Enjoy a fun-filled night playing popular Nintendo® games such as Super Smash Bros: Ultimate™ and Mario Kart 8™. Make friends with other like-minded teens who love to play video games. Ages 13 – 18. **REG**

**CH – 9/22, 10 am, Friday
Homeschool Hangout**

Meet other homeschool families and do themed activities. Ages 5+. **REG**

**TW – 9/23, 2 pm – 4 pm,
Saturday**

**Tween Takeover: Smash
Bros™ & Mario Kart™**

Enjoy a fun-filled night playing popular Nintendo® games such as Super Smash Bros: Ultimate™ and Mario Kart 8™. Ages 9 – 12. **REG**

**A – 9/26, 2 pm, Tuesday
AARP: Retirement Planning**

Retirement planning doesn't have to be daunting. Learn tips for determining if you are on track and practical strategies to help you achieve retirement peace of mind. **REG**

**HMM/CH – 9/26, 6:30 pm,
Tuesday**

Hojalata Tin Art

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by learning about and making some Hojalata tin art. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**

**CH – 9/28, 9:30 am, Thursday
Build & Play**

Calling all future engineers, architects, and sculptors. Join us for playtime with Play-Doh™ and building toys. Ages 6 months – 3 years. **REG**

**CH – 9/28, 10:30 am, Thursday
Build & Play**

Calling all future engineers, architects, and sculptors. Join us for playtime with Play-Doh™ and building toys. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

**A – 9/28, 3 pm, Thursday
Breast Cancer: Navigating
the Journey from Initial
Diagnosis through Recovery
and Healing**

In this presentation, Arlene Karole, a breast cancer survivor will share resources to help you navigate through a breast cancer diagnosis. Arlene's presentation will empower, inspire, and remind you that, if you have breast cancer, you do have choices, you are in control, and you are not alone. This program will be presented by Arlene Karole, FACHE, CHCP, CMP, MSA. **REG**

**G/PA – 9/30, 10 am – 12 pm,
Saturday
Touch a Truck: Meet Your
Community Heroes**

Meet Manchester's community heroes from the Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, and more while getting to see their vehicles up close. Visit our bake sale during the program to support the Friends of the Manchester Branch. **REG**



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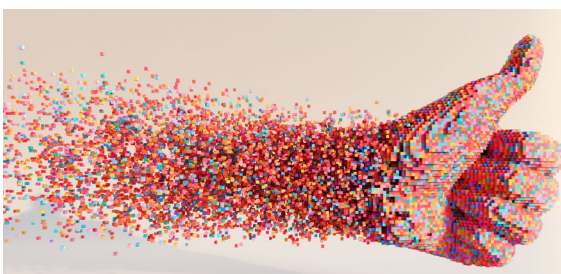
**A – 9/5, 1 pm, Tuesday
Classic Movie:**

The Country Girl
(NR) 104 min.

**A – 9/7, 2:30 pm, Thursday
Jakes Branch County Park:
Mammals of the Pines
REG**

**CH – 9/15, 10 am, Friday
Drop-in Craft: Make a Hat Day**
While supplies last. Ages 3+.

**BD – 9/18, 6 pm, Monday
Plumsted Evening Book
Discussion**
Tumbledown Manor by Helen Brown.



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A – 9/26, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Adult Craft and Relax:
Macrame Spiderweb
REG

CH/TW/T – 9/28, 10:30 am, Thursday
Homeschool Art: Wooden Organization Bins
Join us for our monthly Home-school Art Club. Ages 6+. **REG**

CH – 9/29, 10 am, Friday
Drop-in Craft
While supplies last. Ages 3+.



PT. PLEASANT BEACH
732-892-4575

TW/T – 9/1, 9/15, 3 pm, Fridays
Afternoon Dungeons & Dragons®
Learn how to play this game of storytelling and adventure. Open to new and experienced players. Ages 10 – 18. **REG**

CH – 9/7, 9/21, 11 am, Thursdays
Toddler Sing-Along
Ages 18 – 36 months. **REG**

A – 9/11, 9/25, 1 pm, Mondays
Knitting and Crocheting at the Beach
Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels welcome.

A/T – 9/11, 7 pm, Monday
Documentary Film Screening: Generation 9/11 (NR) 115 min. **REG**

CH – 9/12, 11 am, Tuesday
Baby & Me
Please join us for songs, music, rhymes, and stories. Up to 18 months with caregiver. **REG**

CH/PA – 9/12, 3:30 pm, Tuesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

CH – 9/13, 11 am, Wednesday
Preschool Storytime: School is Cool
Please join us for songs and stories that celebrate the start of the school year. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

BD – 9/14, 12 pm, Thursday
Literature & Lunch
The Day the World Came to Town by Jim DeFede.

A – 9/18, 5 pm, Monday
Pickin' at Point
Bring your acoustic instrument and a song to share at this drop-in acoustic jam session.

CH – 9/19, 11 am, Tuesday
Toddler Fun: Stories & Scarves
Ages 18 months – 3 years. **REG**

HMM/CH – 9/20, 11 am, Wednesday
Preschool Storytime Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month
Join us for stories that honor Hispanic and Latinx heritage. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

A – 9/23, 10:30 am, Saturday
Mindfulness Meditation: On Thoughts
Our thoughts impact our mental and physical health. Learn to work with thoughts; observe and let go of unproductive thoughts through guided meditations. Followed with Q&A. Presented by certified practitioner and mindfulness meditation teacher Shazia Zaman. **REG**

BD – 9/25, 7 pm, Monday
The Lost Boys of Montauk by Amanda M. Fairbanks

CH – 9/26, 11 am, Tuesday
Toddler Read Along Storytime with Miss Liz
Each child will have a read along copy of *Wheels on the Bus* to help strengthen early literacy skills. Ages 2 – 3. **REG**

CH – 9/27, 11 am, Wednesday
Preschool Storytime: Llama, Llama
Please join us for songs and stories that celebrate everyone's favorite llama. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

2023 JAMES J. MANCINI
AUTHOR EVENT FEATURING:

SANDRA BROWN

Saturday
September 23
at 6:00 pm

Doors open at 5:30 pm

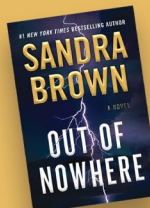


Meet Sandra Brown,
the *New York Times*
bestselling author of more

than eighty works of fiction, including *Overkill*, *Blind Tiger*, *Thick as Thieves*, *Outfox*, *Tailspin*, *Seeing Red*, *Sting*, and *Meanstreak*. She has upwards of eighty million copies of books in print worldwide and her work has been translated into thirty-four languages.

Her most recent novel is *Out of Nowhere*.

Book signing to follow.



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A – 9/1, 1 pm – 3 pm, Friday **Games for Adults**

Bring a friend and have fun playing a variety of board games.

HHM/T – 9/5, 2:30 pm, Tuesday

Paint by Number: Ode to Frida
Complete a paint by number project of Frida Kahlo to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

A – 9/5, 6 pm, Tuesday
Tuesday Evening Movie: Moving On
(R) 85 min.

CH/PA – 9/6, 4 pm, Wednesday **Paws for Reading**

Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs.

G – 9/6, 9/20, 6 pm, Wednesdays **Family Chess Night**

Join us on the first and third Wednesdays of every month for an evening of chess for all ages and skill levels.

A – 9/7, 1 pm, Thursday **Twisted Stitchers of Ocean County**

Join our group to learn or bring your project with you. If you are a beginner, knitting needles and yarn will be available for you. If you are already a knitter, please join.

A – 9/7, 6:30 pm, Thursday **Open Mic Night**

Join Dennis “The Heavy Metal Poet” Townsend for a night of local talent. Signups begin at 6 pm; performances start at 6:30 pm.

A – 9/7, 9/21, 7:30 pm, Thursdays **Adult Writers Group**

Explore your writing skills in a fun, friendly, informal setting.

CH – 9/11, 10 am, Monday **Sensory Play**

Come join us for some playdough fun. Ages 2 – 5. **REG**

A – 9/12, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Adult Crafter Corner
Come create seasonal crafts. **REG**

DIV/A – 9/13, 2 pm, Wednesday **Freedom Stories**

Gifted storyteller TAHIRA shares tales of freedom fighters in this dramatic performance. A compelling look at the people who took extraordinary risks for freedom. **REG**

CH – 9/14, 10 am, Thursday **Toddler Fun: Stories & Scarves**

Join us for songs, stories and fun for toddlers. For children 18 months – 3 years. **REG**

CH – 9/15, 10 am, Friday **Parachute Play**

This class helps toddlers channel their energy in creative ways. They learn to focus on rhythms, learn how to move with a group of children, and how to follow directions. Ages 18 months – 3 years. **REG**

T/TW/PA – 9/15, 2:30 pm, Friday **Cupcake Wars**

Bring your friends and participate in a cupcake challenge to celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month. Ages 10 – 18. **REG**

BD – 9/18, 10:30 am, Monday
Friends Book Club
The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway.

T – 9/18, 2:30 pm, Monday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

FR – 9/19, 1:30 pm, Tuesday
Friends of the Pt. Pleasant Borough Branch Meeting
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the library. New members are welcome.



A – 9/19, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Fall & Winter Coastal Birding
Join author and photographer Susan Puder for an exploration of coastal New Jersey fall and winter birds. **REG**

BD – 9/20, 6 pm, Wednesday
Open Our Mind Book Club
The Girl with Seven Names by Lee Hyeon-seo and David John.

A – 9/20, 6 pm, Wednesday
Twisted Stitchers of Ocean County
Join our group to learn or bring your project with you. If you are a beginner, knitting needles and yarn will be available for you. If you are already a knitter, please join.

CH – 9/21, 10 am, Thursday
Preschool Storytime Fun with Miss Liz
Please join us for songs and stories. Ages 3 – 6. **REG**

T – 9/21, 2:30 pm, Thursday
Suncatcher Wind Chime
Stop by to create an upcycled suncatcher wind chime. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

TW – 9/21, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Switch™ Club
Drop in to play Nintendo® Switch™ games on a big screen. Ages 8 – 12.

A – 9/22, 1:30 pm, Friday
Friday Afternoon Movie: In the Heights
(PG-13) 142 min.

BD – 9/27, 7:30 pm, Wednesday
Good Readers Book Club
The Midnight Library by Matt Haig.

A – 9/28, 10 am, Thursday
Thursday Morning Documentary: Billie Jean King: A Female Tennis Champion
(PG) 83 min.

CH – 9/29, 10 am, Friday
Lil Builders Club
Drop in for some open block building with your little one. Ages up to 6.



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A – 10 am – 12 pm, All Fridays
Take Control of Your Health: Diabetes
This 6-week evidence-based program developed by Stanford University will show you ways to manage diabetes. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health. Runs every Friday until October 6th. Registration is for all 6 weeks. **REG**

A – 12:30 pm – 4 pm, All Fridays
Mah Jongg
Bring your current year gaming cards and game sets. Drop in.

A – 9/2, 9/16, 9/30, 10 am – 12 pm, Saturdays & 9/7, 9/21, 1 pm – 3 pm, Thursdays
String of Purls – Knit/Crochet
Join to learn or bring your project with you. Beginners, bring size 9 knitting needles and light-colored 4-ply cotton or acrylic yarn. To crochet, bring the same yarn, and size “I” crochet hook. Drop in.

CH – 9/5, 6 pm, Tuesday
Drop-in Craft: Bookmarks
Celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month and create your own bookmark. Ages 6 – 12.

BD – 9/6, 10 am, Wednesday
First Wednesday Book Club
The Whole Town’s Talking by Fannie Flag.

A – 9/6, 2 pm, Wednesday
New Release Movie Matinee
Check with the Stafford Branch for the upcoming film title. **REG**

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A – 9/7, 10 am, Thursday
Friends Adventure: Fall Gardening with Hands Garden Center

Hands Garden Center is your one-stop shop for all your home gardening and landscaping needs. This discussion will cover everything you need to know for fall planting, pruning and winterizing your garden. **REG**

A – 9/7, 7 pm, Thursday
Revelations of the Raven Master: Author Talk with Casey Masterson

Join local author Casey Masterson as she talks about her debut book, *Revelations of the Raven Master*, featuring 18 tales of horror and the macabre. You may purchase a copy and have it signed. **REG**

CH – 9/8, 2 pm – 5 pm, Friday & 9/9, 9 am – 2 pm, Saturday
Fine Motor Skills

Drop in to practice fine motor skills and exercise cognitive abilities at different stations around the children’s room. Ages 3+.

A – 9/11, 9/25, 10 am – 12 pm, Mondays
RCE Ocean County Master Gardeners Diagnostic Clinics

The Rutgers Master Gardener team will help answer any gardening and plant questions you may have. You may bring an insect or plant sample for ID, diagnosis and remedies. Drop in.

A – 9/11, 10:30 am, Monday
Fall: Putting Your Garden to Sleep

Learn various aspects of preparing your garden for winter including activities that can be done in Summer, Autumn and mid-Autumn. Presented by Dr. S. Ann Earon, Rutgers Master Gardener of Ocean County. **REG**

BD – 9/11, 12 pm, Monday
AAUW Monday Book Discussion

Check our online calendar to see what book the group will be discussing at this meeting.

A – 9/11, 12 pm, Monday
Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group

Caring for an Alzheimer’s patient can be overwhelming. Join us monthly to learn how you can balance it all. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health, Debra Shar, RN, BSN. **REG**

A – 9/12, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Documentary: Man in the Red Bandana: The Story of a 9/11 Hero

(NR) 120 min. **REG**

CH – 9/13, 10 am, Wednesday
Baby’s First Art

Dress for a mess and create a memorable footprint keepsake by painting your baby’s feet. Ages up to 18 months with a caregiver. **REG**

HMM/A – 9/13, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
Art Around the World: Guatemalan Worry Dolls

Worry Dolls are a Guatemalan tradition. Learn about the Mayan myth that inspired them and create your own worry dolls. **REG**

T – 9/13, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

CH – 9/14, 10 am, Thursday
Homeschooler’s Picture Day

Join us on National School Picture Day. Staff will take pictures of homeschoolers using a green screen background and email the photos to attendees. Ages 6 – 12. **REG**



T – 9/14, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Green Screen Photos: Personalize Your Selfie

Staff will take pictures using a green screen background and email the photos to attendees. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

TW – 9/16, 10:30 am, Saturday
National Play-Doh™ Day

Tap into your creativity for National Play-Doh™ Day and join us to sculpt with Play-Doh™. Ages 9 – 13. **REG**

A – 9/16, 2 pm, Saturday
Chair Yoga with Belle

Chair yoga is a very gentle yoga practice, where you stay seated. Led by certified yoga instructor, Belle Burns, this exercise is beginner friendly. A signed waiver is needed to participate. **REG**

A – 9/18, 12 pm, Monday & 9/27, 12 pm, Wednesday
Support Group for Caregivers

Being a caregiver can be overwhelming. Learn how you can balance it all. Presented in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health, Debra Shar, RN, BSN. **REG**

A – 9/19, 10 am, Tuesday
Women and Heart Disease

Women have different symptoms than men with heart disease. Learn the differences and things women can do. Presented by Carol Schoenberger, RN and Deb Shar, RN from Hackensack Meridian Health. **REG**

A – 9/19, 2:30 pm, Tuesday
Adult Crafting Club

Join us for an afternoon of crafting. The crafting club meets once per month on the 3rd Tuesday. **REG**

A – 9/20, 10 am, Wednesday
Coloring for Adults with Challenges

Spend the morning coloring and listening to soothing music. Both individuals and groups are invited. **REG**

FR – 9/21, 9:30 am, Thursday
Friends of the Stafford Library Meeting

The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

TW – 9/21, 3:30 pm, Thursday
Tween Crafternoon: Back to School Notepads

Make a notepad to take back to school with you. Ages 9 – 13. **REG**

TW/T – 9/25, 3:30 pm, Monday
National Comic Book Day

Share your creativity on National Comic Book Day and create your own comic book. Ages 9+. **REG**

HMM/CH – 9/27, 10 am, Wednesday
Family Storytime

Join us for stories written by Latin American authors, songs, and a craft in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Ages up to 6. **REG**

A – 9/28, 10 am, Thursday
Are You Getting a Good Night’s Sleep?

Gain tips on getting a good night’s sleep. Learn about sleep apnea and treatment options. Presented by Kathleen Feeney in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health. **REG**

A – 9/28, 2:30 pm, Thursday
Coloring Club for Adults

Spend an afternoon creating art, listening to soothing music and relaxing with like-minded adults at the Library. **REG**





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A – 9/28, 7 pm, Thursday Adult Anime Club

Anime fans can come together, meet fellow adults, watch anime, share artwork, talk about Manga and other related topics. This program meets once per month on the 4th Thursday. **REG**



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CH – 9/1, 10 am, Friday Baby & Me

Visit the library for an interactive program for you and your baby. For babies up to 12 months old. **REG**

A – 9/5, 6:30 pm, Tuesday Game Club for Adults

Come play video and board games at the library and make new friends.

A – 10 am, All Wednesdays English Conversation Group

New to speaking English? Join us and talk about current events and more.

A – 10:30 am, All Wednesdays Fun Activities for Adults with Special Challenges

Join us for board games, coloring and many other fun activities. These activities not only keep them physically fit, but also encourage them to interact and develop their cognitive abilities. Caregivers must be present. Drop in.

MKR/G – 9/6, 6 pm, Wednesday Cricut® Class

Learn the basics of using the Cricut® Maker™ machine and Cricut® Design Space Software. **REG**

CH/TW – 9/7, 6:30 pm,
Thursday
Feelin' Crafty: Drop-in Craft
Ages 5 – 12.

A – 9/9, 10 am – 4 pm, Saturday Forensic Files in the Aisles

Forensic Files in the Aisles is taking over Toms River Library. Join us for author presentations, visits from forensic and crime specialists, self-guided tours through our local history room and more. **REG**

FR – 9/11, 2 pm, Monday Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River Meeting

The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the library. New members are welcome.

CH/TW – 9/11, 6:30 pm, Monday DIY Coaster Craft

Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

MKR/TW/T/A – 9/11, 6:30 pm, Monday Navigating Thingiverse – Intro to 3D Printing

Visit the Maker Space and learn all about 3D printing and how to use thingiverse.com. Ages 10+. **REG**

T – 9/12, 5 pm, Tuesday Calligraphy 101

Teens will learn the basics of calligraphy. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

BD/A – 9/12, 6 pm, Tuesday Read with Pride Adult Book Club

Rainbow, Rainbow: Stories by Lydia Conklin. Join us for the monthly Read with Pride Adult Book Club. This book discussion is for those who identify as LGBTQ+, or who simply want to learn more about LGBTQ+ stories, narratives, and experiences. **REG**

A – 9/12, 6:30 pm, Tuesday Careers in New Jersey: Real Estate Sales Agent

A senior real estate professional will provide a detailed analysis and personal anecdotes about launching her career in this field, including requirements for starting the licensing process. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library – Toms River Branch. **REG**

BD – 9/12, 7 pm, Tuesday
Evening Book Discussion
Daring to Drive by Manal Sharif.

CH – 9/13, 10 am, Wednesday
It's Fun to Be One Storytime
Grow little one's love of the library with stories, songs, playtime, and more. Ages 12 – 23 months with a caregiver. **REG**

T – 9/13, 2:30 pm, Wednesday
Video Gaming for Teens
Ages 12 – 18.

T – 9/13, 6:30 pm, Wednesday
Dungeons & Dragons® for
Teens

Join players on an adventure in the world of *Dungeons & Dragons*®. Open to new and experienced players. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

MKR/A – 9/13, 6:30 pm, Wednesday Crafter Dark Meetup for Adults

Join us for an informal crafting meetup in our Maker Space. Adults can get together for craft time at the library, whether you make the provided craft or bring your own project to work on.

T/PA – 9/14, 2 pm, Thursday De-Stress with Dogs for Teens

De-stress with therapy dogs from Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs. Relax, play, and hang out with visiting furry friends. This program meets on the second Thursday of the month during the school year.

A – 9/14, 6 pm, Thursday Achieving Financial Fitness Seminar

Laura Reeves, Financial Advisor and Daily Money Manager, shares tips on various tools to organize one's financial documents, learn about common fraud scams and how to protect one's assets. **REG**

A – 9/14, 6:30 pm, Thursday SCORE Presents: Amazon Basics

Learn the basics of conducting your business and increasing your sales through Amazon. This is a free course offered by SCORE Southeast NJ. **REG**

CH/TW – 9/16, 2:30 pm,
Saturday
Drop-in Video Games for
Kids
Ages 4 – 12.

MKR/T/PA – 9/18, 6 pm, Monday Shibori Dyed T-shirts for Teens

Learn Japanese Shibori dyeing techniques to create your own indigo dyed shirt and go back to school in style. T-shirts in various sizes will be provided. **REG**

A – 9/18, 6:30 pm, Monday Beginner Yoga with Belle

Join us for a beginner level yoga session led by certified yoga instructor, Belle Burns. Please bring your own mat or towel. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. **REG**

T/PA – 9/19, 3:30 pm, Tuesday Cooking Matters for Teens

Join a Nutrition Educator from the Community Food Bank of NJ to learn how to make healthy, budget-friendly food choices and lead a more active life. This is the first session of a six-part series. Teens will learn knife safety, how to read a recipe and how to create a well-balanced meal. **REG**

S/G – 9/19, 6 pm, Tuesday Sensory Friendly Movie: *The Emoji Movie* (PG) 86 min.

Join us for a sensory friendly movie where lights will be turned up, volume turned down and dancing, walking, rolling, singing and shouting are welcome. Caregivers must be present. **REG**



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MKR/A/T/TW – 9/19, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Navigating Thingiverse – Intro to 3D Printing
Visit the Maker Space and learn all about 3D printing and how to use thingiverse.com. Ages 10+. **REG**

A – 9/20, 10:30 am, Wednesday
Craft for Adults with Special Challenges
Completing a craft project gives us a profound sense of accomplishment. Through this program, adults with special challenges can be creative and enjoy making crafts. **REG**

CH/TW/PA – 9/20, 4:30 pm, Wednesday
Paws for Reading
Practice your reading skills in the company of gentle therapy dogs. Ages 5 – 12. **REG**

MKR/G – 9/20, 6 pm, Wednesday
Cricut® Class
Learn the basics of using the Cricut® Maker™ machine and Cricut® Design Space Software. All ages. **REG**

A – 9/21, 10:30 am, Thursday
Chair Yoga for Adults with Special Challenges
Join us for a session of beginner level chair yoga led by certified yoga instructor, Linda Higley. Caregivers will be requested to sign a waiver form. **REG**

T – 9/21, 6 pm, Thursday
DIY Macramé Wall Hangings for Teens
If you like crafting and boho décor, come make a macramé wall hanging with cotton cord and a wooden dowel. Ages 13 – 18. **REG**

HHM/CH/TW – 9/21, 6:30 pm, Thursday
Craft Lab
Learn about Hispanic Heritage Month and create a unique craft. Ages 8 – 12. **REG**

MKR/S/G – 9/23, 1 pm, Saturday
Sensory Art – Autumn Leaf Painting
Join the Maker Space and Sensory Space for sensory art. Create a colorful autumn leaf without the mess while supplies last. Caregivers must be present.

A – 9/25, 6:30 pm, Monday
Sound Bowl Chakra Meditation
This hour-long meditation will focus on the seven chakras through word of mouth, visualization and crystal sound bowls. **REG**

MKR/T/PA – 9/25, 6:30 pm, Monday
Zen Zone Mondays: Flaxseed Relaxation Packs
Relax and unwind as you meet with friends, learn about and practice self-care, and make your own hot/cold flaxseed relaxation packs. **REG**

CH – 9/26, 10 am, Tuesday
Homeschool Storytime & Art
Join us for an interactive program just for homeschoolers. Ages 4 – 8. **REG**

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Barnegat

Painting Exhibit – Mark Retacco

Berkeley

Majestic Nature and Landscapes
by Kaylee McGrath
(Meeting Room)

Brick

Exhibition by
Jill DeFelice & Nancy Edwards
(Meeting Room)

Lacey

September 11th Memorial Exhibit
(Meeting Room)

Long Beach Island

The New Sweden Colony:
Photos and Panels – Erik Burro

Manchester

9/1 – 9/25
Art Exhibit – Ben Collura



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**CH – 9/27, 10:30 am,
Wednesday**

Owl Storytime

Hear some stories about owls and do a fun craft. Ages 3 – 5.

REG

**MKR/G – 9/27, 6 pm,
Wednesday**

DIY Crocs™ Charms

Express yourself and use 3D printing pens to make your own custom charms for your Crocs™.

REG

A – 9/29, 11 am, Friday
Paper Making

Participants will make their own handmade recycled paper in this hands-on workshop. The instructor will demonstrate the basic paper recycling steps: shredding, soaking, pulping, screening, and drying. **REG**



TUCKERTON
609-296-1470

**A – 9/5, 9/19, 10 am,
Tuesdays**

Art Chat

Meet and talk with local artists. Bring your own work for feedback.

A/PA – 9/7, 2 pm, Thursday
Blending Fun with Amy:

Coffee Barista Edition

Join us for an educational coffee tasting program. You will learn specialty blended coffee drink recipes, fun facts, trivia and more. **REG**

A – 9/11, 7 pm, Monday
Adult Coloring

Relax by coloring your stress away.

CH – 9/12, 11 am, Tuesday
**Celebrating Heroes
Storytime & Craft**

Geared for toddlers and older.

**T/PA – 9/14, 3:30 pm,
Thursday**

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

A – 9/18, 6 pm, Monday

Free PG-13 Movie Night:

Book Club

(PG-13) 103 min.

**HHM/CH – 9/21, 3:30 pm,
Thursday**

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Storytime & Craft

Ages 5+.

**BD/A – 9/25, 6:30 pm,
Monday**

Tuckerton Adult Book Discussion

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi.

CH – 9/26, 11 am, Tuesday

Apples Storytime & Craft

CH – 9/30, 11 am, Saturday

Saturday Stay 'n Play

Sing 2 (PG) 110 min. Enjoy a movie while getting creative with our LEGOS®.



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BD – 9/1, 10 am, Friday
Morning Book Discussion

The Life We Bury by Allen Eskins.

A – 9 am, All Tuesdays
Hand and Foot Card Games

Come play this variant card game of Canasta at the library.

**CH – 9/6, 9/20, 10:30 am,
Wednesdays**

Baby & Me

Join us for a free play session with various toys and music. Recommended for babies up to 18 months with a caregiver. **REG**

A – 9/6, Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Movies at the Library: 80 for

Brady

(PG-13) 98 min. **REG**



SEPTEMBER 7 7:00 PM

**Life, Love, Family, and Food:
An Author Talk with Lidia Bastianich**
Emmy award-winning public television host, a best-selling cookbook author, restaurateur, and owner of a flourishing food and entertainment business

SEPTEMBER 20 2:00 PM

**How to Get Unstuck When It Matters
Most: An Author Talk with Adam Alter**
New York Times Bestselling Author of *Drunk Tank Pink* and *Irresistible*

SEPTEMBER 27 8:00 PM

**On Writing Three International Bestsellers:
An Author Talk with Amor Towles**
New York Times Bestselling Author of *The Rules of Civility*, *A Gentleman in Moscow*, and *The Lincoln Highway*



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CH – 9/7, 9/21, 10:30 am, Thursdays
Toddler Time

Join us for songs, stories, and hands-on activities. Ages 18 – 36 months with a caregiver. **REG**

G – 9/7, 2 pm, Thursday
Great American Standards

The talented Gary Evans entertains us at the piano with his delightful music on the first Thursday of each month. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upper Shores Branch.

BD – 9/7, 3 pm, Thursday
Thursday Book Discussion
The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict.

A – 9/8, 9/22, 1 pm, Fridays
OC Purls Knitting Group
Enjoy conversation and exchange patterns while you work on your knitting projects.

BD – 9/8, 3 pm, Friday
Afternoon Book Discussion
The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Heather Terrell.

A – 9/9, 2 pm, Saturday
Documentary Film: Man in the Red Bandana: The Story of a 9/11 Hero
(NR) 80 min. **REG**

A – 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 12 pm, Mondays
Mah Jongg Mondays
Play Mah Jongg at the library.

A/PA – 9/12, 2 pm, Tuesday
Stretching Food Dollars
Learn about new ways to stretch your money at the grocery store and still be able to choose healthy options. Presented by the Community FoodBank of New Jersey and New Jersey SNAP-Ed. **REG**

CH – 9/13, 3:30 pm, Wednesday
Salt Painting
Create 3D paintings using watercolors and glue. Ages 5 – 12. **REG**

CH – 9/14, 9/28, 10:30 am, Thursdays
Preschool Storytime
Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

T – 9/19, 6 pm, Tuesday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18.

HMM/T – 9/19, 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Mini Piñata Making
Make your own mini piñata to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

HMM/A – 9/23, 2 pm, Saturday
Sol y Sombras Concert
Marjorie Koharski, Flutist, and Keith Calmes, Guitarist, will perform an hour-long program of light classical music. **REG**

A – 9/30, 2 pm, Saturday
Sound Bowl Chakra Meditation
This hour-long meditation will focus on the seven chakras through word of mouth, visualization and crystal sound bowls. **REG**



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ALL AGES

OCT. 7th

FANNATION 2023

Join us for this comic con style event. There will be a cosplay contest, scavenger hunts, crafts, an escape room, and more!

10 AM to 4 PM



WARETOWN 609-693-5133

**A – 12 pm – 4 pm,
All Wednesdays
Mah Jongg**
Beginners welcome.

**FR – 9/11, 7 pm, Monday
Friends of the Waretown
Library Meeting**
The Friends design and manage fundraising activities to support the Library. New members are welcome.

**A – 9/12, 9/26, 11 am,
Tuesdays
Waretown Writers Group**
Join other writers to explore your skills in an informal and fun discussion.

**A/PA – 9/12, 2 pm, Tuesday
Blending Fun with Amy:
Coffee Barista Edition**
Join us for an educational coffee tasting program. You will learn specialty blended coffee drink recipes, fun facts, trivia and more. **REG**

**CH – 9/14, 11 am, Thursday
Storytime and Craft**
Join us for a storytime, and a craft. Ages 3 – 5. **REG**

**T – 9/18, 6 pm, Monday
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**
Gain valuable leadership skills and earn community service hours. Ages 12 – 18. **REG**

**T – 9/18, 7 pm, Monday
Teen Meditation**
Take some time for yourself by learning meditation. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on. **REG**

**A/PA – 9/19, 2 pm, Tuesday
Blending Fun with Amy:
Fall Soups**
Learn to make healthy fall soups using fresh ingredients inspired by favorite fall flavors. Amy Paradise will be our culinary guide. **REG**

**G – 9/22, 12:30 pm – 3 pm,
Friday & 9/23,
10 am – 12:30 pm, Saturday
Friends of the Waretown
Library Book Sale**
Support the Friends and the Branch at the book sale for all ages.

**A – 9/30, 11 am, Saturday
Saturday Documentary
(NR) 80 min.**



VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

**T – September
Extraordinary Lives:
YA Graphic Memoirs**
Check out some of this year's newest YA graphic novel memoirs.

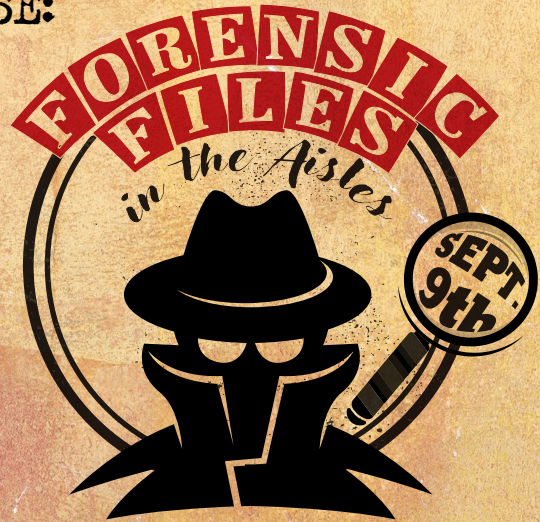
**T – September
Crafting With Miss Chris:
FanNation Edition Battle Vest**
Follow along at home with Miss Chris as she creates a Stranger Things inspired battle vest.

**CH – September
Watch & Create: CD Fish**
Upcycle a CD and create a sparkling fish in this episode of *Watch & Create*. Supplies to make your own CD fish at home can be picked up at the Stafford Branch while supplies last. Sponsored by the Friends of the Stafford Library. Ages 4+.

**CH – September
Watch & Create:
Edible Cereal Bowl**
Discover what you can do with fruity cereal, marshmallows, and butter in this episode of *Watch & Create*. Sponsored by the Friends of the Stafford Library. Ages 6+.



CASE:



DATE:

September 9, 2023

TIME:

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

LOCATION:

Toms River Branch

FACTS:

Forensic Files in the Aisles is taking over Toms River Branch.

Join us for:

- Author Presentations
- Visits from Forensic and Crime Scene Specialists
- Self-Guided Tours Through Our Local History Room
- And More!



CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with books from our collection

CHILDREN'S BOOK TITLES

Isla to Island by Alexis Castellanos

Lola out Loud: Inspired by the Childhood of Activist Dolores Huerta by Jennifer Torres

A Song of Futas by Margarita Engle



TEEN BOOK TITLES

Wild Tongues Can't Be Tamed: 15 Voices from the Latinx Diaspora edited by Saracicia Fennell

Together We Burn by Isabel Ibañez

Flirting with Fate by J.C. Cervantes



ADULT BOOK TITLES

The Lost Book of Adana Moreau by Michael Zapata

How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water by Angie Cruz

The Self-made Widow by Fabian Nicieza



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